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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, LA
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER EXPECTS PHOUMI' S RETURN TO
VIENTIANE IN NEAR FUTURE

1. DURING MY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER APRIL 24, SOUVANNA INFORMED ME THAT PHOUN SIPRASEUTH HAD COME TO SEE HIM SAME MORNING TO INFORM HIM THAT PHOUMI VONGVICHIT WILL RETURN TO VIENTIANE EITHER END OF THIS WEEK OR NEXT WEEK. ON BASIS OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH PHOUN, SOUVANNA SAID HE THOUGHT PHOUMI WOULD TAKE AEROFLOT FLIGHT FROM HANOI EITHER SATURDAY THIS WEEK OR THURSDAY NEXT.

2. WHILE IT IS PREMATURE TO SPECULATE ON IMPACT ON NEGOTIATIONS OF PHOUMI' S RETURN TO VIENTIANE, SOUVANNA THOUGHT IT IS AT LEAST INDICATION THAT LPF IS EAGER TO KEEP GOING DIALOGUE WITH RLG. IN THIS CONNECTION SOUVANNA NOTED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THAT SINCE THA VIENG BOMBING BY US AIR FORCE, NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS OF LAO CEASEFIRE HAD REACHED NEW LOW LEVEL. BATTLEFIELD LULL THUS PROVIDES APPROPRIATE ATMOSPHERE FOR ANY RENEWED NEGOTIATION WHICH MAY DEVELOP.
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